



Upper Missouri River Reservoirs Fisheries Management Plan Citizens Advisory Committee

Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Upper Missouri River Reservoirs Fisheries Management Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (UMRCAC) and providing input needed for FWP to make informed decisions for fisheries management in the plan area. It is important that you review the application materials before applying. **Applications must be received no later than January 15, 2020.**

General Information

The upper Missouri River reservoirs and associated river fisheries are some of the most heavily fished waters in Montana accounting for roughly 10 percent of the total annual statewide angling pressure. Because of the system's proximity to Bozeman, Great Falls, Butte, Missoula and Helena, recreational use of the reservoirs will continue to grow as the fisheries become even more integral to the quality of life for those who live and recreate in Lewis and Clark and Broadwater counties.

The Upper Missouri River Reservoirs Fisheries Management Plan (UMRRFMP) supports a common goal to "provide a cost-effective, quality multi-species fisheries by applying adaptive and responsive management strategies." Annually, FWP will evaluate fisheries population trends throughout the plan area, consider potential management changes, and report potential management changes to the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) appointed CAC.

Information for Applicants

The Commission will review applications and make final appointments to the CAC after taking recommendations from FWP. The Commission, along with FWP, has assembled the following information to consider before you apply to serve on the CAC.

Time Commitment

The UMRCAC will meet for a 1-day meeting between March 1 and May 31, 2020. This annual meeting will likely be held in Helena, but the specific location of the meeting will depend on availability of meeting rooms. The UMRCAC members may be provided with informational documents that will need to be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Travel Reimbursement

FWP will reimburse mileage for UMRCAC members' travel to and from the CAC meeting. The department may provide lunch, depending on the duration of the meeting.

Participation

UMRCAC members are expected to attend the meeting, and members who do not attend the annual meeting will not be considered for future UMRCAC appointments. Exceptions may only be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

Advisory Role

UMRCAC members are expected to participate in an advisory capacity while acknowledging the value of each advisors' comments and viewpoints and will create discussion within ground rules that are established to encourage a climate of respect. UMRCAC members agree to bring information into the process and likewise, to communicate to constituents about the process as it goes forward.

Composition of the UMRCAC

The Commission will appoint a 5-member Citizen Advisory Committee each February to function in an advisory capacity to FWP for fisheries management decisions throughout the plan area. The Citizen Advisory Committee will consist of no more than one advocate from 5 of the following stakeholder groups:

- Unaffiliated warmwater anglers
- Unaffiliated coldwater anglers
- Organized warmwater-angler groups
- Organized coldwater-angler groups
- Ice-fishing anglers
- Conservation groups
- Kids' fishing
- Fishing-tournament organizer
- Landowner
- Outfitter
- Local government
- Local business
- Other interests

The Commission is seeking a diverse committee to advocate for the various stakeholder categories that are affected by fisheries management decisions throughout the UMRRFMP area. Advocates with the ability to represent more than one stakeholder category are desirable. The process will result in a UMRCAC management recommendation, if any, for FWP to consider.

Questions

Please call (406) 444-2449 or email fwpfsh@mt.gov if you have questions about the UMRCAC application process.

1. Please list your reasons for wanting to be a member of the UMRCAC:

2. Can you commit to attending a UMRCAC meeting between March 1 and May 31 of 2019?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Please indicate your availability to attend meetings and circle your preference:

☐ Weekdays

☐ Weekends

☐ Evenings

☐ Daytime

4. Have you participated as a member of an advisory committee tasked with developing recommendations for recreation or resource management? Please list examples:

5. Please check ALL categories that apply to you. CIRCLE the ONE you most identify with.

☐ Unaffiliated warmwater anglers

☐ Unaffiliated coldwater anglers

☐ Organized warmwater angler groups

☐ Organized coldwater angler groups

☐ Ice-fishing anglers

☐ Conservation groups

☐ Kids' fishing

☐ Fishing-tournament organizer

☐ Landowner

☐ Outfitter

☐ Local government

☐ Local business

☐ Other interests: _____

If you would like to participate as a representative of an organized group, please indicate the name of that group here: _____

6. Please **CHECK** the waterbodies within the UMRRFMP area you are familiar with. **CIRCLE** the waterbodies you are **MOST** familiar with:

☐ Missouri River – Toston Dam to Canyon Ferry Reservoir

☐ Canyon Ferry Reservoir

☐ Hauser Reservoir

☐ Missouri River – Hauser Dam to Holter Reservoir

☐ Holter Reservoir

7. Do you have experience with advisory committee processes related fisheries or recreation issues?
Can you collaborate in good faith, working towards management recommendations that not only meet your personal interests but also the interests of other committee members and the public at large? Please give examples:

8. Use the space below to provide additional comments on why you would add value to the UMRCAC:

Montana FWP staff and a Member of the Fish and Wildlife commission may require an interview of potential candidates prior to selection.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Please sign and date your application.